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To celebrate the commencement of the forty-seventh year of its life, the proprietor and the entire staff of the Brampton Conservator sat down last Saturday night to a sumptuous banquet.

Two long tables were spread in a section of the office higherto sacred to the implements of the printer's art. Cut glass and china gleamed on white linen and crimson, carnations were used as the decorative touch.

At the tables were representatives of the five publications now issued by the Charters Publishing Co. namely The Conservator, the Weston Times & Guide, The Port Credit News, The Mimico Advertiser, and The Mt. Dennis Express.

When ample justice had been done to the splendid viands Mr. Sam Charters made a short opening address and as he talked recited some amusing facts connected with his experiences as printer's devil on The Conservator. The one that appealed most strongly to the hearers among whom were several pseudo devils, was the fact that in those days the devil began work at 6 a.m. his first duty in the winter being the starting of a fire in the box stove. As the wood used was invariably green, the devil's difficulties were not hard to imagine. Another duty falling to the lot of the devil was the pasting, on blank walls and fences throughout the town, of bills containing various advertising matter. The salary for three months was $10.

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The evening was drawn to a close by Mr. Charters who gave a resume of the growth of The Conservator since he became proprietor just thirty years ago. At that time the staff was compased of three people, and the pay roll was fifteen dollars per week. Today there are five papers published as well as an extensive job work business carried on, and there is a staff of twenty-three employed.

The Conservator office has recently been enlarged and remodelled. A forty foot addition was made at the rear and a readjustment of machinery accomplished that gives unlimited light, with abundance of floor space and air space and in every way facilitates the handling of more and even better work.